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FOR LEVIN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: LEVIN CONSULTATIONS

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- 1. ONE PROBLEM I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO IF TIME PERMITS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN HAVING INCREASING PROBLEMS TRYING TO KEEP IN OPERATION AN OUTMODED AND GENERALLY DIFFICULT-TO-REPAIR TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD SYSTEM, WHICH IS A TE-400 EPABX.
- 2. THIS SYTEM IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE POST'S TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS. THE FREQUENT TROUBLES AND DETERIORATING CONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DITION OF THE SYSTEM REQUIRES CONSTANT MAINTENANCE OF A TYPE AND LEVEL WHICH CANNOT BE DONE BY PERSONNEL AT THE POST. THE RATE OF FAILURE FOR PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME TO RECEIVE REPLACEMENTS RESULT IN THE POST HAVING EXTENDED PERIODS OF TROUBLES AND OUTAGES. WE RECENTLY HAD A LONG PERIOD WHEN THE ONLY LINE IN AND OUT WHICH WORKED WAS THAT OF A HANDSET ON THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK IN THE MIDDLE

OF A LOBBY FULL OF PEOPLE.

3. IN SHORT, THE SYSTEM SIMPLY NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED WITH EQUIPMENT WHICH IS SIMPLE, DEPENDABLE AND MAINTAINABLE. COULD YOU PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH NEA/EX AND OC WITH A VIEW TO SEEING WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REPLACE THIS EQUIPMENT IN AN EARLY TIME FRAME. WRIGGINS UNQUOTE VANCE

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